



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FOIA Service Center

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RE: FOIA Request No. 17-00863-F

Dear Robert Sterner:

This letter is a final response to your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, dated January 30, 2017 and received in this office on February 7, 2017. Your request was forwarded to the appropriate office to search for documents that may be responsive to your request: Office of the Secretary (OS).

You requested the following:

- I request access to and copies of all work of and records mentioning Department of Education appointee, Alexandra Hudson between the date of her appointment and February 1, 2017. This will include emails (to and from), meeting agendas from meetings Alexandra Hudson attended or was mentioned.
- Additionally we request white papers, articles, reports, and any other education policy materials generated by or by the request of Alexandra Hudson at the Department of Education.

Attached to this e-mail are 73 pages of documents responsive to your request. The documents provided are:

- Documents pertaining to Alexandra Hudson.

However, certain information has been withheld according to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) (b)(6), specified below:

- Records or portions of records relating to certain intra-agency information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) of the FOIA. This exemption permits the withholding of inter- or intra-agency information that could be withheld under civil discovery, including information subject to the deliberative process, attorney-client, or attorney-work product privileges.
- Records or portions of records relating to personal information is exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6) of the FOIA. Disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Provisions of the FOIA allow us to recover the costs pertaining to your request. The Department has concluded that you fall within the category of “an all other use requester.” However, the Department has provided you with this information at no charge. The Department's release of this information at no cost does not constitute the grant of a fee waiver and does not infer or imply that you will be granted a fee waiver for future requests made under FOIA to the Department. Because we were able to locate and process these documents at minimal costs, they are provided to you at no cost.

You have the right to seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services from the Department’s FOIA Public Liaison or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The FOIA Public Liaison is responsible, among other duties, for assisting in the resolution of FOIA disputes. OGIS, which is outside the Department of Education, offers mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to appeals or litigation. They can be contacted by:

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You have the right to appeal this decision by writing to the address below, 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Using the services described above does not affect your right or the deadline to file an appeal. Your appeal must be in writing and must include detailed statement of all legal and factual bases for the appeal; it should be accompanied by this letter, a copy of your initial letter of request, and any documentation that serves as evidence or supports the argument you wish the Department to consider in making an administrative determination on your appeal.

Appeals may be submitted using the on-line form available at
www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/foia/foia-appeal-form.pdf.

E-mail: EDFOIAappeals@ed.gov
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Sincerely,

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Enclosure